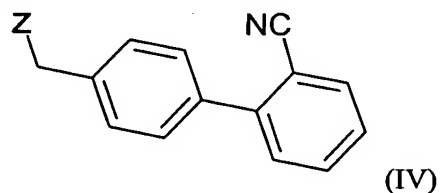


Abstract

A process for preparing telmisartan by reacting 2-*n*-propyl-4-methyl-6-(1'-methylbenzimidazol-2'-yl)benzimidazole with a compound of formula (IV)



wherein Z is a leaving group, to obtain the compound 2-cyano-4'-[2''-*n*-propyl-4''-methyl-6''-(1'''-methylbenzimidazol-2'''-yl)benzimidazol-1''-ylmethyl]biphenyl, and subsequently hydrolyzing the nitrile function to obtain the acid function.